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Expansion of Telegraph Offices in Orissa

4113. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government propose to expand the telegraph network in Sambalpur district of Orissa during 1992–93;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of existing telegraph offices and the steps taken to improve the facilities so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Telegraph facility will be provided at 40 new locations on phonocom basis during 1992–93. In addition 2 Nos. of combind Post and Telegraph Offices will be connected to Store & Forward Telegraph System.

(c) There are 2100 telegraph offices in Orissa. One Store & Forward Telegraph Concentrator is installed at Sambalpur and one Store & Forward Message Switch 32 Ports has been installed at Cuttack. In addition steps have been taken to upgrade morse systems into electronic key boards and to replace electro-mechanical teleprintes by electronic teleprinters and formatted terminals, besides introducing networking concepts.

Sub-Exchanges in Kozhikode, Kerala

4114. SHRI K. MURALEE DHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any proposal for starting sub-exchanges under the Kozhikode Telecom. Division, Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with names of places where such exchanges exist?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) The details of proposed Sub exchanges (RLUs) is as below:

Calicut–Chevayur, Calicut South, Elathur, Koduvally, Kunnamangalam, Mavoor, Chelari of Kozhikode district and Malappuram, Kottakkal and Area code of Malappuram district.

(ii) No such Sub-exchanges (RLU) is presently existing in Calicut division.

Waiting List for Telephones in Bombay

4115. SHRI ARVIND TULSIRAM KAMBLE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list of telephone connections in Bombay;

(b) the time by which the waiting list is proposed to be cleared; and

(c) the exact plan in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Waiting list for Telephone Connections in Bombay as on 1.2.92 is 230542.

(b) and (c). OYT and Special Waiting lists as on 30.06.91 have already been